

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 983 - HB 2281**

March 2, 2005

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Creates an independent commission to study the structure and governance of public higher education in Tennessee and its impact upon programmatic quality, effectiveness, efficiency, and accessibility. The commission is to be comprised of 19 individuals including members of the General Assembly, the Comptroller of the Treasury (or designee), the commissioners of Finance and Administration and the Department of Economic and Community Development (or designees), and various participants from the state's business communities. Authorizes the commission to employ staff subject to the availability of funding approved for such purposes. Requires the commission to report its final findings, recommendations, and any proposed legislation to the chief clerk on or before January 15, 2007. The commission shall terminate and cease to exist on or before June 30, 2007.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

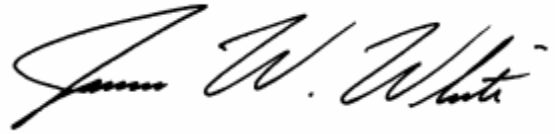
#### **Increase State Expenditures – Exceeds \$69,000 FY06-FY07**

##### Assumptions:

- Members of the commission are paid the same expense and mileage allowances as are provided for legislators attending to the business of the general Assembly.
- One new position (Administrative Services Assistant 2) in the Department of Finance (F&A) estimated to cost \$57,000 per year.
- One commission meeting per quarter.
- Per Diem is \$141 per day plus \$0.35 per mile.
- Per Diem expense estimated at \$10,716 (19 members X 4 quarterly meetings X \$141 Per Diem = \$10,716)
- Average round-trip driven per member per quarterly meeting is 50 miles.
- Mileage expense estimated at \$1,330 (19 members X 50-mile round-trip X 4 quarterly meetings X \$0.35 per mile = \$1,330).
- Increase in state expenditures is estimated to exceed \$69,000 (\$10,716 Per Diem + \$1,330 mileage + \$57,000 for two new F&A positions = \$69,046).

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "James" written in a more compact, stylized script, followed by "W." and "White".

James W. White, Executive Director